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### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
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| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                        |          |
| 1001         | 750      | 2001         | 375      | Utility filing fee     |          |
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| 1003         | 520      | 2003         | 260      | Plant filing fee       |          |
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| 1005         | 160      | 2005         | 80       | Provisional filing fee |          |
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### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims  - 20\*\* =  X  =   
Independent Claims  - 3 =  X  =   
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| 1202         | 18       | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                    |          |
| 1201         | 84       | 2201         | 42       | Independent claims in excess of 3                         |          |
| 1203         | 280      | 2203         | 140      | Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid                     |          |
| 1204         | 84       | 2204         | 42       | **Reissue independent claims over original patent         |          |
| 1205         | 18       | 2205         | 9        | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |          |
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| 2053                | 130      | 2053         | 130      | Non-English specification  |           |
| 1812                | 2,520    | 1812         | 2,520    | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |           |
| 1804                | 920*     | 1804         | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |           |
| 1805                | 1,840*   | 1805         | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |           |
| 1251                | 110      | 2251         | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |           |
| 1252                | 410      | 2252         | 205      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |           |
| 1253                | 930      | 2253         | 465      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |           |
| 1254                | 1,450    | 2254         | 725      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |           |
| 1255                | 1,970    | 2255         | 985      | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |           |
| 1404                | 320      | 2401         | 160      | Notice of Appeal   |           |
| 1402                | 320      | 2402         | 160      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |           |
| 1403                | 280      | 2403         | 140      | Request for oral hearing   |           |
| 1451                | 1,510    | 2451         | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |           |
| 1452                | 110      | 2452         | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |           |
| 1453                | 1,300    | 2453         | 650      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |           |
| 1501                | 1,300    | 2501         | 650      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |           |
| 1502                | 470      | 2502         | 235      | Design issue fee   |           |
| 1503                | 630      | 2503         | 315      | Plant issue fee  |           |
| 1460                | 130      | 2460         | 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner  |           |
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| Other fee (specify) |          |              |          | Submission of IDS prior to First Office Action                             | 0.00      |
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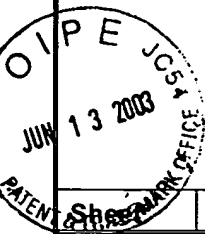
  
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